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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group: 1657 Confirmation No.: 9788 Application No.: 10/578,679 ELECTRONICALLY METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FILED ON Invention: MASS SPECTRAL ANALYSIS OF PEPTIDES AND PROTEINS September 5, 2008 REILLY, James P, et al. Applicant: Filed: May 9, 2006 Attorney Docket: 29920-200170 Examiner: Shen, Bin

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2008, Applicants request consideration of the accompanying remarks. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to respond to the outstanding Office Action, extending the due date for response to September 31, 2008. The time for response was set to expire on August 31, 2008. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee of \$60.00 for the one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) for a small entity to the Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435.

Applicants believe that no other fees are required with this response. If additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to the

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account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 29920-200170.

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